

PATENT
674582-2001**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 4-15 and 17-79 are now pending. Claims 1, 10-13, 15 and 20 have been amended, claims 2, 3 and 16 have been cancelled herein, and new claims 78 and 79 have been added, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents.

No new matter is added.

It is submitted that these claims are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. The amendments to the claims and the remarks herein are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103 or 112; but rather the amendments and remarks are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is respectfully requested in view of the remarks and amendments herein.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment herein corrects the deficiencies of the Amendment mailed June 9, 2006. Specifically, the Amendments to the claims are now presented in corrected marked-up form. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The Amendments and remarks herein place the application in condition for allowance. An early and favorable consideration of the application on the merits, and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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